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TAGS: UNDP, EAID

SUBJ: UNDP 22ND GOVERNING COUNCIL - EC, SOVIET AND OTHER  
REACTIONS TO PURCHASE PROPOSAL

5. US INTERVENTION WAS FOLLOWED BY OUTSTANDING SPONTANEOUS STATEMENT BY CANADIAN REP (LINDORES), WHO EXPRESSED UTTER DISBELIEF AT MANY OF THE ASSERTIONS MADE BY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND AMAZEMENT THAT THEY WOULD AT THIS POINT REJECT OUT OF HAND A CONCRETE PROPOSAL TO SOLVE THE BASIC SOLVENCY PROBLEM OF THE PROGRAMME. HE SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT POLITICAL MOTIVES PROMPTED THIS PROPOSAL ON THE PART OF A MAJOR DONOR THAT HAD WORKED TIRELESSLY TO ENSURE THE FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF UNDP. HE SHOT DOWN ARGUMENT PUT FORWARD BY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES THAT THEIR CURRENCIES WOULD NOT BE USED FOR PROGRAM PURPOSES. HE CITED CANADIAN CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH ARE CONVERTED INTO OTHER CURRENCIES AND IMMEDIATELY MOVED OUT INTO FIELD PROGRAMS.

6. DELEGATION COMMENT: STATEMENTS BY NETHERLANDS ON BEHALF OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, PAKISTAN, JAPAN, NORWAY AND CANADA AND EARLIER IN PLENARY BY BRAZIL HAVE BEEN MOST HELPFUL. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS CORRIDOR EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION AND PRAISE FROM G-77 COUNTRIES NOT NORMALLY ONES TO PRAISE US. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BULGARIANS' FLAT REJECTION, POSITIONS OF OTHER EAST BLOC COUNTRIES WERE STRICTLY HEDGED, WITH REPRESENTATIVES MAKING CLEAR THEY SPEAKING WITHOUT FOREIGN MINISTRY INSTRUCTIONS. SOVIET STATEMENT WAS THE MOST BLAND AND THE MOST NON-COMMITTAL.

7. WE BELIEVE AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US EMBASSIES IN GC COUNTRIES TO BE INSTRUCTED TO EXPLAIN PROPOSAL TO GOVERNMENTS. IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT MECHANICS OF BUY-UP BE CLARIFIED, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF THE SOVIET UNION, IN WHICH CASE THE FUNDS CONCERNED ARE IN THE FORM OF CREDITS IN A SOVIET BANK ACCOUNT IN MOSCOW. IT MIGHT BE WELL TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL WITH NESTERENKO IN ABIDJNRQ.

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8. US DEL CONGRATULATES THOSE WHO CONCEIVED, FORMULATED AND ADVANCED THIS PROPOSAL. CERTAINLY IT HAS PUT US ON HIGH GROUND IN UNDP AND HAS, ALONG WITH TIMELY APPROVAL OF OUR INCREASED 1976 CONTRIBUTION REASSERTED AMERICAN LEADERSHIP AND BROUGHT HOME TO UNDP MEMBERSHIP EXTENT OF US COMMITMENT TO VIABILITY AND SUCCESS OF THIS IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT BODY.DALE

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